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SUBJECT: FRENCH PARTICIPATION WITH SSIE ON ONGOING ENERGY-RELATED R & D PROJECT INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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1. AS REQUESTED A, SSIE DIRECTOR HERSEY MET IN PARIS WITH BNIST DIRECTOR MICHEL FOR EXTENDED FRIENDLY DISCUSSIONS ON 4 APRIL 1975. THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE DEVELOPED:

A) MICHEL BELIEVES THAT INSTITUT FRANCAIS DU PETROLE (IFP) WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT INFORMATION EXCHANGE ALONG WITH THE 4 AGENCIES MENTIONED IN REFTEL B, PARA 1.

B) EDF (ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE) AND GDF (GAZ DE FRANCE) ARE LESS CERTAIN, BUT IN ANY CASE MICHEL IS HAVING A SECOND LETTER SENT TO ALL AGENCIES WHO HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED, ASKING FOR AN EARLY DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL PARTICIPATE.

C) HE HOPES TO HAVE THEIR ANSWERS BY THE FIRST OF MAY.

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D) CONCERNING AN EXTENDED VISIT TO SSIE

BY A FRENCH INFORMATION SCIENTIST, SEE PARA 2, REFTEL
C, INFORMATION COUNSELOR D'OLIER OF THE CNRS WILL
SELECT THE APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE, MICHEL
SAID. AFTER THIS VISITOR HAS STUDIED THE SSIE SYS-
TEM IN OPERATION FOR ABOUT A MONTH, HE
WILL RETURN TO FRANCE AND PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY
WHICH WILL COMPARE THE SSIE SYSTEM TO THAT OF THE
FRENCH ARIENE DATA SYSTEM.

2. IN EXPLANATION OF POINT 1D, MICHEL TOLD HERSEY
THAT A RECENT REEVALUATION OF THE ARIENE SYSTEM INDI-
CATED, CONTRARY TO EARLIER CONCLUSIONS, THAT IT
MAY BE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE. THEREFORE, HERSEY BE-
LIEVES THAT MICHEL WISHES TO POSTPONE A FIRM COM-
MITMENT TO USE THE SSIE SYSTEM UNTIL THE FINAL COM-
PARISON IS POSSIBLE. A DEADLINE DATE FOR MICHEL'S
DECISION ON WHAT INFORMATION SYSTEM TO USE IN FRANCE
IS SOME TIME BEFORE THE OCT 27, 28, AND 29 UNESCO
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ONGOING RESEARCH INFOR-
MATION SYSTEMS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. DURING
THAT CONFERENCE, MICHEL IS SCHEDULED TO PRESENT A
PAPER ON THE FRENCH SELECTION.

3. ALTHOUGH DELIBERATELY NOT RAISED IN THE HERSEY-
MICHEL MEETING, A COMPLICATION IN ANY INFORMATION
EXCHANGE BETWEEN FRENCH AGENCIES AND THE SSIE IS

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ANTICIPATED SHOULD NOT ALL INVITED FRENCH AGENCIES
DECIDE TO TAKE PART. IN THAT CASE, THE PARTICIPATING
FRENCH AGENCIES WILL HAVE A RIGHT TO INFORMATION
HELD BY SSIE ON U.S. AND OTHER PARTICIPATING NATIONS'
ONGOING R & D PROJECTS WHEREAS OTHER FRENCH AGENCIES,
WHO HAVE OPTED NOT TO PARTICIPATE, WILL NOT, IN
PRINCIPLE, BE ALLOWED TO SHARE IN THE INFORMATION
POOL. THE QUESTION WILL THEN BE HOW CAN A PARTICI-
PATING FRENCH AGENCY BE EXPECTED TO NOT SHARE
SSIE DATA WITH A NON-PARTICIPATING SISTER AGENCY?

4. ANOTHER COMPLICATION WILL RESULT IF, AFTER
THE EXTENDED VISIT TO SSIE BY THE FRENCH INFORMATION
SCIENTIST, THE FRENCH DECIDE TO USE THE SSIE SYSTEM
AND REQUEST SSIE OPERATING SOFTWARE, VOCABULARIES,
AND OTHER MATERIAL THAT SSIE HAS DEVELOPED IN THE
COURSE OF EXTENSIVE AND EXPENSIVE SYSTEM DESIGN AND
OPERATION. HERSEY TOLD SCIATT THAT AT
THIS POINT HE IS NOT CERTAIN HOW HE SHOULD HANDLE
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS SUCH AS LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS
WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE ECONOMIC
VALUE TO SSIE OF FRANCE USING A COMPATIBLE
DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

5. WILL KEEP DEPT AND NSF INFORMED ON RESPONSE
OF FRENCH AGENCIES TO MICHEL'S SECOND LETTER.

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